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KODAMA Yoshio (U)

A close relationship exists between Subject and HATOHAMA Ichiro. After the war it was the old rightists who gathered behind HATOHAMA and helped him make his comeback. Subject gave HATOHAMA 10 million yen when HATOHAMA was forming the Japan Liberal Party. Source stated that this was definitely a fact and that the Diet had discussed the matter. Source stated that when HATOHAMA was ill, KODAMA was the only one of his acquaintances allowed to visit him. KODAMA's close associate, MIURA Giichi, is very close to SHIGEMITSU Mamoru and aided SHIGEMITSU when the latter was released from Sugamo Prison. Among other aid, MIURA provided SHIGEMITSU with the use of an automobile. (B - 2) Later, KODAMA and MIURA opposed HATOHAMA, but still later they returned to the fold.

Source stated that while some persons believe that KODAMA and MIURA give financial aid to numerous rightist groups and have strong influence in rightist circles, Source believes that this may be only partly true and that the pair has been rejected by the rightists. (B - 2)

KODAMA and the Junkeishin Seimen Tai severed relations in late 1955. The Junkeishin Seimen Tai has since sold its headquarters building for 20 million yen. (B - 6)

Source stated that the amount of money brought back to Japan from China at the end of the war was 400 million yen. (B - 6)

Source: 1 C

Regarding data cannot be predetermined.

Chief, C&A (1 cy). Ma (2nd cy)

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